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The Senators "O" are also sitting up and taking notice.

Lawson is proving himself more and more a conundrum.

They're not talking peace; they're still discussing who started the war.

Perhaps Germany won't tell her peace terms because they are so widely different from those presented by the entente allies. However, the terms will have to come out sooner or later.

While there should be no undue alarm over the possibility that scarlet fever may have been contracted at the recent Older Boys' conference in Burlington by reason of the fact that one of the participants had the disease, there ought to be strict measures in every community from which the boys gathered to see that the boys are put under observation until the time for the outcropping of the disease shall have passed.

Vermont should begin right now to plan to do something in honor of her distinguished son, Admiral George Dewey. A handsome memorial statue erected on the State House grounds at Montpelier would be a fitting effort; and the location would be singularly appropriate because it is in the capital city of the state and because it looks out upon the house where the great naval hero was born. Dewey was Vermont's greatest contribution to the naval history of the nation, and Vermont would be showing poor spirit if it should fail to do him this honor. Let the legislature now in session take up the discussion.

A COMMANDING FIGURE GONE.

One of the greatest figures in American naval history has passed from life. One of the most patriotic of American citizens has gone, only to leave a lasting impress of his devotion. Incidentally, one of Vermont's most splendid factors in national affairs has concluded his work. Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila bay, builder of the American navy, most valiant citizen of the nation, was of a type about whom will gather increasing glamor as the years multiply, and the renown that will be his is, happily, based on something substantial. Starting life like the average Vermont youth, he became fired with ambition to serve his country under arms, an ambition perhaps stirred by the spirit of the military training he secured in the old Norwich university then located in the town of Norwich; and it was only by accident, as it would seem, that his steps were directed toward the nation's naval arm rather than toward the land service, because of the fact there was no vacancy from Vermont in West Point. But though the youth's predictions were toward the army, he nevertheless addressed himself to the task of becoming a seaman with characteristic vigor. He was favored in that training by the fact that the nation was just about to be split into mortal combat and, the more so, because he was enabled to serve in practical warfare under one of the world's famous naval men, Admiral Farragut. The young man proved an apt pupil, and the foundation of his naval career thus laid down was supplemented by much study in the years intervening between the Civil war and the war with Spain, so that when his supreme opportunity came in the latter he was ready and anxious to meet it. How Dewey smashed the Spanish fleet in Manila bay is more or less familiar history. How, since then, he became the mentor of American naval affairs is well known. In that latter service Admiral Dewey was of particular service to the country; he gave of his great experience and was loyal in service right up to the day of his last sickness although the weight of years might have excused him from active participation.

So the whole nation honors the grim old sea fighter; it applauds his intrepidity; it admires his patriotism; it respects him for his frank, honest, outspoken life.

CONDUCTED ON CONSERVATIVE LINES.

Holding true to the traditions of its substantial career, the National Life Insurance company, Vermont's greatest financial organization, has just experienced a year of solid growth, as was indicated by the report made by President Fred A. Howland to the policyholders at the annual meeting in Montpelier on Tuesday. In almost every respect the record of the year surpassed the record of any previous year, revealing not only an active, progressive management but a marked degree of confidence in the integrity and soundness of this great institution. The reason for this confidence is to be found largely in the fact that in the midst of opportunities for high-flying in its particular field, the National Life has steadfastly maintained its poise and conducted its affairs on a calm, conservative basis. The conservative spirit that animates the management is perhaps no better indicated than in the comparative statements of the 1915 and the 1916 years when, in stating the financial standing to the policyholders, the company figured the value of its securities in 1915 at the market

price, which was in some instances somewhat below par, and in 1916 set in those same securities at their par value although the market value had risen considerably above that level. It would have been perfectly reasonable to figure the assets at the price which could be commanded at the time of the presentation of the statement; but the management preferred to take the conservative attitude. The incident is comparatively insignificant perhaps, but it is indicative of the purpose of the company to be on the safe side. No doubt the attitude lends strength to the company's position in public thought and helps materially to the solid development of the business. If rigidly adhered to, as there is every reason to believe it will be, the policy is likely to bring the National Life Insurance company a full measure of progress not only in the forthcoming year but for a long period to come.

CURRENT COMMENT

Care of Consumptives.

Is it not high time for the state of New Hampshire to make adequate provision for the care of its needy tubercular? The New Hampshire Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis asks the present legislature to put \$150,000 in the hands of the governor and council for this work. The request is conservative when compared with the need, but the association is evidently of the belief that much might be accomplished with the sum mentioned. The state of Massachusetts last year expended more than \$2,500,000 in fighting tuberculosis, and considered the money well invested. How well invested these anti-tuberculosis funds are is apparent in the estimate that tuberculosis costs the people of New Hampshire more than \$1,000,000 a year in actual money—and this makes no account of physical and mental suffering. Contrast these figures with the paltry \$150,000 which the association seeks to have administered by the governor and council, in the campaign against the scourge!

It is a matter of common knowledge that many more New Hampshire people die of tuberculosis than of all other communicable diseases combined. At the present time, it is estimated, New Hampshire has fully 4,000 consumptives, with provision for the care of less than 150 of them in the state sanatoria. Only the purblind can fail to see that this means rapid spread, instead of check, of the disease in the state. Two years ago our state appropriated \$20,000 a year for hospital care of its thousands of indigent consumptives in an advanced stage of the disease. The association truly avers that this meant but a drop in the bucket.

For almost any other disease under the sun, New Hampshire is in a position to give the victims attention as they should receive it. The most threatening disease of all, and that which mankind dreads as much as any, this state has evidently regarded with smug lethargy. It is long past time for tangible, vigorous and effectual action to the end that the menace of consumption in our state may be checked—and this will cost more money later than it would cost now. The association should have its request and more.—Manchester Union.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Hartland Man Slashed His Throat with a Razor.

Hartland, Jan. 17.—This town is gaining a reputation as a suicide center. On Sunday, Jan. 7, Charles Ellison ended his life by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun and last Sunday, just one week after the first tragedy, a man by the name of Maxham attempted suicide by cutting his throat.

Maxham was living with Leroy Sanderson. Details of the accident are closely withheld but it is known, however, that Maxham's attempt nearly proved fatal and that he is at present in a critical condition.

FAYSTON

Mrs. Stella McLaughlin is spending this week in Montpelier with her husband, Representative Dan McLaughlin.

Mrs. V. C. Pierce is quite ill with the grip.

Miss Margaret Lavinway of Waitsfield is working for Mrs. Mary Loveland.

F. H. Emerson and Ralph Jacobs were in Montpelier on business Saturday.

Al McCullough is confined to the house with a lame knee.

W. C. and M. O. Bragg were in Berlin Tuesday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. William Brown.

General Sporting Notes.

The stove pipe league has been kept in activity during the past few weeks discussing vicissitudes in the Harvard baseball camp concerning a coach to fill Fred Mitchell's shoes another spring. More than once has Red Dooin been mentioned as the logical man for the job, and at the present time he seems willing to take the chance. There are several men who are sticking close to the trail and living in hopes that they may be the lucky ones, but Dooin has held out on account of the compensation until this week. He says that he has changed his mind and that he would accept the position at once, providing he can land the berth.

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DEWEY'S BURIAL AT ARLINGTON

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was more like that of a father to a son than of a high ranking navy officer to a government official.

AN INTERESTING STORY.

Born in Vermont, Dewey Turned His Steps Toward Navy When Young.

Admiral George Dewey, "hero of Manila bay," fought and won the first great American naval battle against a foreign foe since the war of 1812.

His whole life was full of honorable achievement from the days of the Civil war down to the time when, as the head of the general board, he began the last chapter of his work by laying plans for the defense of his country in time of war. His life was a striking exemplification of the possibilities of a career based upon the exact and intelligent performance of every routine duty which molds a man on inflexible lines of duty and honor.

Smashed Spanish Fleet.

One of the curious freaks of fortune in Dewey's case was that for perhaps the first and only time in his naval career he was disposed to protect against the edict of the navy department which carried him into the far East, where he was destined to perform the greatest feat of his life and to win imperishable renown. That was back in 1898 when the war clouds were gathering and Dewey felt that he was being "shelved"; that the war with Spain was to be fought out in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Caribbean sea and that he, distant by half the circumference of the globe, would stand no chance of winning glory, for at that moment no thought whatever had been given to the Philippines. But he took his orders and like a true sailor obeyed them. The result is a page of history under date of May 1, 1898.

Contrary to Spanish expectations, Dewey sailed into Manila bay on the night of April 30 and in the morning of the next day he annihilated Admiral Montojo's squadron, destroying 11 warships and capturing all other vessels and all the land batteries without the loss of a man on the American side.

Upon his triumphant return to the United States he was feted by the nation. His admirers presented him a beautiful home in the national capital. Congress gave him an engraved sword, and raised him from the rank of commodore to rear admiral and then to the full rank of the admiral of the navy.

Admiral Dewey was the third American to reach that pinnacle of naval rank. Farragut was the first and Porter the second. It was under Farragut that Dewey received his first baptism of war. "Valuable as the training of Annapolis was, it was poor schooling beside that of serving under Farragut in time of war," Admiral Dewey once said. "Whenever I have been in a difficult situation or in the midst of such a confusion of details that the simple and right thing to do seemed hazy I have often asked myself, 'What would Farragut do?'" In the course of preparations for Manila bay, I often asked myself this question, and I confess I was hinking of him the night we entered the bay and with the conviction that I was doing precisely what he would have done."

Born Under Shadow of Vermont's State House.

George Dewey was born in the shadow of Vermont's state capital at Montpelier on the day following Christmas in 1837. At the age of 17 he reached the cross roads of his career: one road led to West Point, the other to Annapolis. Young Dewey favored the former, but—

"There was no vacancy for West Point from Vermont," explained the admiral in reviewing his life. "Otherwise I might have gone into Manila bay on an army transport instead of on the Olympia. But it happened that there was a vacancy at Annapolis, so I entered the navy."

In the Civil War.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Dewey was 23 years old. He was commissioned a lieutenant and guided the Mississippi as its executive officer in Farragut's historic dash past New Orleans and its forts. He was not so successful at Port Hudson. Farragut won through, but Dewey and the Mississippi ran aground under the guns of the forts. The ship was set afire and during the transfer of the crew under fire, the young officer "lived five years in an hour."

From the close of the Civil war until the opening of the Spanish-American, the life of the American naval officer was made up of routine duty at sea and ashore. During this period the future admiral cruised, taught a class at Annapolis; surveyed lower California and part of the west coast of Mexico; carried supplies to the survivors of the siege of Paris; performed duty at Boston navy yard and the naval torpedo station at Newport; inspected lighthouses and served as naval secretary on the light-house board; spent two years traveling on a sick leave in search of health; four years as chief of the bureau of equipment; and at the age of 39 was serving as president of the board of inspection and survey with the rank of commodore. It was in this important naval office that he presided at the trials of all the battleships, except the Oregon, which were to be demolished the Spanish squadron at Santiago.

Shortly after his return from Manila bay, Admiral Dewey found himself in the fire of popular criticism over the "gift house incident." American citizens had raised \$50,000 by public subscription as a testimonial to the hero of Manila and they presented him a house in Washington. Dewey, who had been a widower since 1872, had just married Mrs. Mildred McLean Hazen of Washington and he turned over the gift house to her. Shortly afterward the admiral and Mrs. Dewey left the gift house and lived in the wife's former home.

Might Have Been President.

In 1900 Admiral Dewey was seriously talked of as a candidate for the Republican nomination as president, but the admiral preferred to remain in the naval ranks rather than to seek such a venture in statesmanship. His admirers have since often spoken of him as the man who could have been a president if he had wished.

Early in 1914 Admiral Dewey again became conspicuous in the current news by revival of the long standing controversy with Admiral Von Diederichs of the German navy regarding the conduct of the German squadron during the blockade of Manila bay, 16 years before. In his autobiography, Admiral Dewey criticized Von Diederichs for failing to observe the neutrality laws and told how a shot was fired across the bows of one of the German ships to impress it with the fact that the American navy had established a blockade and would commence no undue activity on the part of



ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY.

the German ships, suspected at the time as friendly to Spain.

"A difference of opinion about international law had been adjusted," said Dewey, "without adding to the rum of President McKinley's worries."

Dewey was always a great student of history; he knew every naval campaign that had been waged from the days of ancient Greece and Rome, had analyzed them and knew why defeat or victory had come from certain movements and this without doubt was one of the factors that contributed to his own success in warfare.

One of the finest estimates of Admiral Dewey's character is contained in a tribute rendered to him by his old-time shipmate, Admiral Sampson, who was fighting the Spaniards in the Caribbean while Dewey was lying in Manila bay, resting on the laurels he had won in the famous battle of the first of May. Sampson said:

"The service knows Dewey as an ideal head of a fleet. Perfectly courageous, of thoroughly balanced judgment and quick of decision, he has the qualities which carry one to fame if opportunity be given. The man and the hour fortunately came together and the country is richer in another brilliant page of history and another heroic figure. His career has given lofty impetus to the young which will bear fruit in nobler aspirations. He has become one of the most valued possessions which a nation can have—a national hero."

WATERBURY

Wilmore E. Baldwin of North Duxbury and Miss Lois Gillett of Huntington were married Monday evening by Justice C. B. Adams. Mr. Baldwin is employed on the MacFarland farm and has lived in town for some time. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillett of Huntington.

Robert, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Flannery, is ill with scarlet fever at his home on Stowe street.

Dillingham grange will hold a box party following the regular meeting of the grange Saturday evening. Each member of the grange is privileged to bring guests. There will be a program during the party and stereopticon pictures will be shown by Supt. Darrow. Each lady is requested to bring a box.

MIDDLESEX

Mrs. Gilbert T. Miles, jr., who on Friday went to Heaton hospital for medical treatment, is making satisfactory recovery.

Miss Rawson of Montpelier seminary occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday morning.

Luke Somers and wife and Mrs. Frank Somers spent Thursday in Burlington.

Henry Nichols is ill with pneumonia and heart trouble.

Miss Bessie Stockwell, who was called home by the illness of her sister, Mrs. G. T. Miles, returned Sunday to Norwich.

MAKING IT PLAIN

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EAST BRAINTREE

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Lucius Butterfield, who was operated on Saturday at the Randolph sanatorium for appendicitis, is now doing as well as could be expected. His wife is stopping with W. E. Butterfield.

Miss Estella Dickinson has returned after passing a two weeks' vacation with her parents in New Britain, Conn.

There are several cases of chicken-pox in the village.

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Mary Cassidy at the state hospital in Waterbury.

The annual church meeting and roll call was held Saturday. Dinner was also served.

There will be a dance in Lambert's hall Friday evening, Jan. 19. Music, Randolph high school orchestra.

Installation of officers of the F. V. Randall circle of G. A. R. will be held in the hall Thursday evening, Jan. 11. A delicious supper was served from 6 to 8. Mrs. Hannah Flagg very impressively installed the following officers, Miss Bertha Wheeler acting as conductor: President, Julia Perham; S. V. P., Betsey Dame; treasurer, Hattie Boman; secretary, Annie Howard; chaplain, Ada Blanchard; patriotic instructor, Inez Day; conductor, Ella Mills; assistant conductor, Flora Wheeler; guard, Rose Smith; assistant guard, Blanche Fisher; pianist, Bertha Wheeler. After the installation a whist program was given by the members and remarks were made by Comrades W. E. Perham and G. W. Flagg.

KREISLER IN BURLINGTON.

Famous Violinist Will Appear There On January 26.

Among the older and time-honored forms in music that the ultra-moderns are seeking to cry out or court is the concerto with its three movements, the first long and elaborately developed, the second songful and the third merry, usually in a rondo form. The doom of the concerto has been predicted chiefly because of its properties of display which, it is said by some, are no longer a successful means of holding modern audiences. Fritz Kreisler, master violinist and master musician, repudiates this charge with emphasis. Here are his words: "One reason alone can I see for this and that is the fact that our concert goers have to-day grown so restless that they wish not to listen to long compositions. In opera such impatience has already begun to manifest itself. Take London, where you get a 'potted' version of 'Carmen,' 'I Pagliacci,' etc., with the music jumbled together so that many of the finest things are missed. In a hundred years who knows but that a 'potted' version of the Beethoven concerto will be in vogue!"

The form itself, however, would seem to be to be permanent. It may be made freer, in the way Liszt worked out the symphonic poem from the symphony, but it cannot be wiped out. And you will note that the greatest concertos are nearly all long."

The Beethoven and the Brahms concertos are equally great to Mr. Kreisler; he finds in them the finest that there is in the literature. And he maintains that the Brahms is not at all "against the violin," as a wag of a critic once wrote, but that it calls for a new kind of technique which Brahms through his genius evolved. But the concerto most "grateful" to the violinist, is in Kreisler's opinion, the Mendelssohn.

Kreisler appears at the University of Vermont gymnasium on Friday evening, January 26. He will be assisted by his friend, Reinhold Warlich, Russian baritone, and for him he will play the piano accompaniments.—adv.

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